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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Bernard Bene et al. ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Application No.: Unassigned ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Filed: March 4, 2005 )  
For: CONTROL APPARATUS AND ) Confirmation No.: Unassigned  
CONTROL METHOD FOR A )  
BLOOD TREATMENT )  
EQUIPMENT )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this Preliminary  
Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this Preliminary Amendment.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 19 of this Preliminary Amendment.

**Attachments** to this Preliminary Amendment include:

(1) a new Abstract